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Attention: Mr. Mark Poluta

Dear Sir:

This letter is to request a filing date of 11/27/01 on my patent application, appn.# 10/002763 entitled "Picking Rake".

Last Nov. 27, 2001, I went to the post office with the intention of mailing my application via Express Mail so that I could get an instant filing date of 11/27/01. However, I was informed that Express Mail service to the patent offices was temporarily suspended due to the recent anthrax scare. They suggested that I just send it by priority mail which I reluctantly did, having no other choice. I also placed on one of the transmittal forms a couple of yellow post-it notes that the post office provided. I indicated on the post-it notes that since there was no Express Mail service to your address that day, I was advised to send the application by priority mail instead. ~~and that I~~ requested an instant filing date of 11/27/01.

The 11/27/01 filing date is crucial for me because I am claiming the benefit of a provisional patent application ser.# 60/253.552 filed 11/28/00.

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